IV. *An Objection to the new Hypotheſis of the Generation of Animals from* Animalcula in Semine Maſculino. *By Dr. Martin Liſter, Fellow of the Colledge of Phyſicians and Royal Society.*

Exercit. Anat. tert. p. 114.

Amongſt the many Arguments which I have uſed to confute the Opinion of Mr. Leewenhoeck *about the Generation of Animals from innumerable little Animals* in Semine Maſculino, *one I omitted, which is as follows:*

RUrſus quæro, ſi humanum corpus naſcatur ab animalculo è ſemine maſculino unde ſint iſta animalcula genita? & quidem generantur ad plurimos annos; ſcilicet ab adulto viro ad extremam uſq; ſenectutem; certe à coitu peracto longè maxima eorum pars ejicitur; unde nova ſoboles indies ſuccreſcat, neceſſe eſt. An vero hæc animalculorum proles ferè diurna à ſui ſimilibus animalculis generentur, vel ſponte naſcantur? Poſterius te, Leewenhoecke, exiſtimare haud facilè credo, quia tu, ſi quis alius, automata mirificè confutaſti: ſi prius verò putes ipſa etiam illa animalcula, dum in ſemine maſculino ſunt, adulta eſſe ſequetur, quòd generare potes ſunt. At quam abſurdum hoc ſit, tute cogita; ſcilicet eadem animalia bis *adoleſcere*, nempe ſemel in ſemine maſculino, atq; iterum in humano ſtatu atq; conditione.